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TWO FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANTS ARRESTED

Two Lieutenants Indicted for Civil Rights Violations and Obstruction of Justice for Incidents at Fulton County Jail

Atlanta, GA - Lieutenant ROBERT W. HILL, JR., 46, of Decatur, Georgia, and Lieutenant EARL GLENN, 47, of McDonough, Georgia, both Fulton County Deputy Sheriffs at the Fulton County Jail, were arrested today by FBI agents after a federal grand jury indicted each of them for violating the civil rights of an inmate, obstructing justice, filing a false report, and making false statements to federal agents. The defendants will make their initial appearances before a United States Magistrate Judge later today.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "About a month ago, we announced that a former Fulton County Jail officer had been charged with federal crimes for allegedly beating an inmate and obstructing the investigation of that and another incident at the jail. We warned that the federal charges should serve as a wake-up call to other officers who have violated the civil rights of jail inmates or who believe they can get away with obstructing our efforts to uncover the truth. Today two more officers - this time two Lieutenants - were arrested at the jail after a federal grand jury indicted them for separate assaults on another inmate and for trying to obstruct our investigation."

Nahmias continued, "We are continuing to investigate these incidents and others at the Fulton County Jail. Our message today, to any other officers who have been involved in assaults on inmates or obstruction of the truth, is simple: Did you think we were kidding? You will be much better off calling the FBI now, before you too are led out of the jail or your home in handcuffs."

FBI Atlanta Special Agent in Charge Greg Jones said, "Obstructing an FBI investigation only strengthens our resolve to find the truth and bring to justice those involved in such egregious conduct."

Fulton County Sheriff Ted Jackson said, "We are continuing to work in concert with

the FBI and the United States Attorney's Office in this ongoing investigation. We will absolutely not tolerate any violation of civil rights and will work to weed out any and all jail personnel who themselves break the law."

The federal indictment charges HILL with causing injury to a Fulton County Jail inmate by using excessive force against the inmate on August 9, 2008; soliciting subordinates to commit civil rights violations against Fulton County Jail inmates; making a false report about the use of force incident; making a false statement to FBI agents; and obstructing the federal investigation of the matter.

The federal indictment charges GLENN with causing injury to a Fulton County Jail inmate by using excessive force against the inmate on August 9, 2008; making a false report about the use of force incident; making a false statement to FBI agents; and obstructing the federal investigation of the matter.

The maximum sentence for both defendants for the violation of civil rights count is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum sentence for both defendants for the false report count is 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum sentence for both defendants for the obstruction count is 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum sentence for both defendants for the false statement count is 5 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum sentence for HILL's solicitation to commit a civil rights violation is 5 years in prison and a fine of \$125,000.

Members of the public are reminded that the criminal complaint contains only allegations. Each defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys Brent Alan Gray and Angela M. Jordan are prosecuting the case.

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